

In-situ Thermal Treatment of Trichloroethene at Marshall Space Flight Center

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Background 1

- Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) is the principle propulsion development center for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
 - Located in Huntsville, Alabama MSFC covers ~1,800 acres within the boundary of Redstone Arsenal (U.S. Army).
 - 79 sites regulated under the Comprehensive Environmental Resource Conservation and Liability Act (CERCLA).
 - Groundwater has been integrated into one operable unit (OU-3)
- Groundwater Strategy
 - Identify contaminant sources, contributing sites or activities;
 - Characterize major groundwater plumes;
 - Eliminate / Reduce Source Areas; and
 - Monitor to verify treatment effectiveness and continued compliance with regulatory framework.
- [REFERENCE GRAPHIC LOCATOR MAPS]

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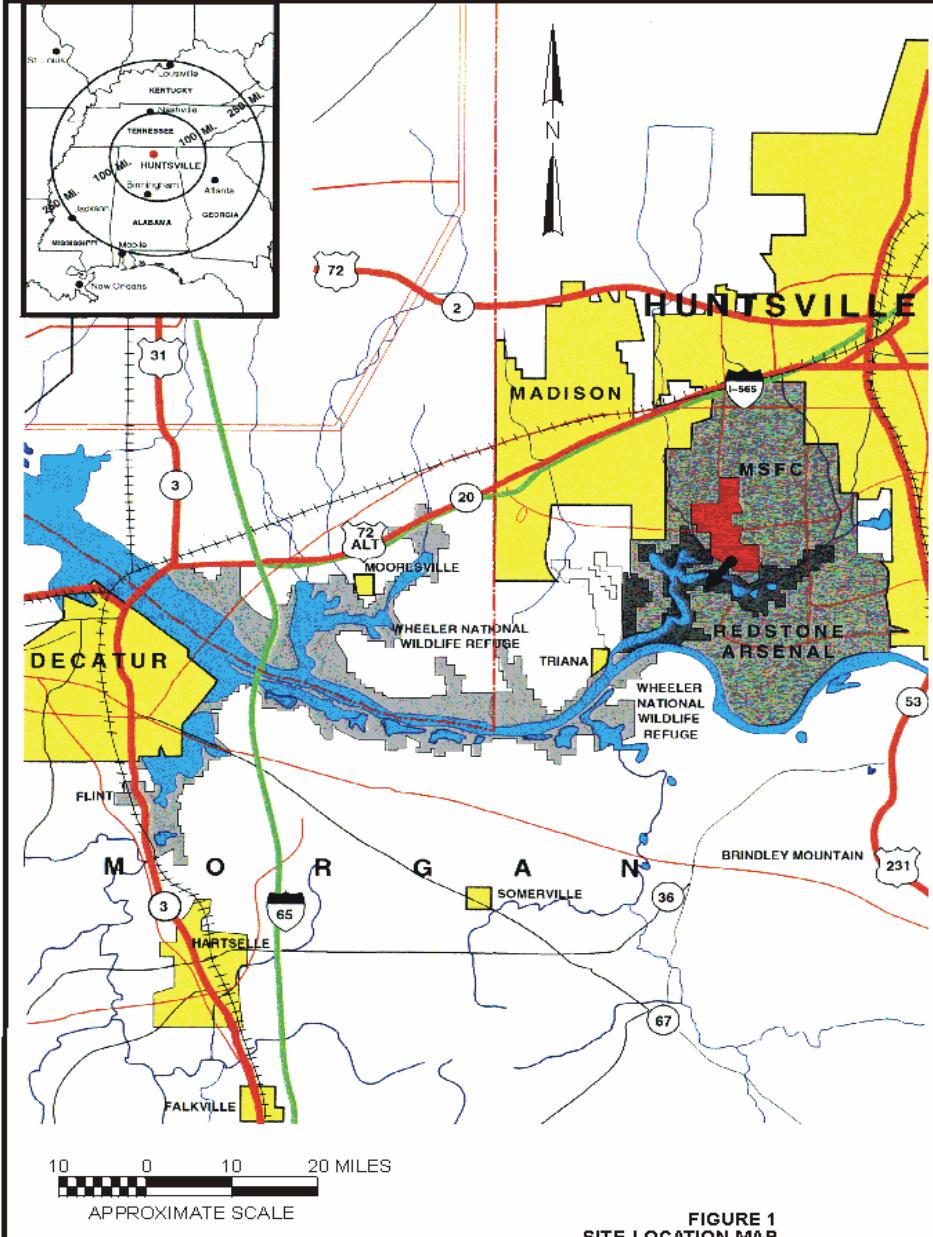
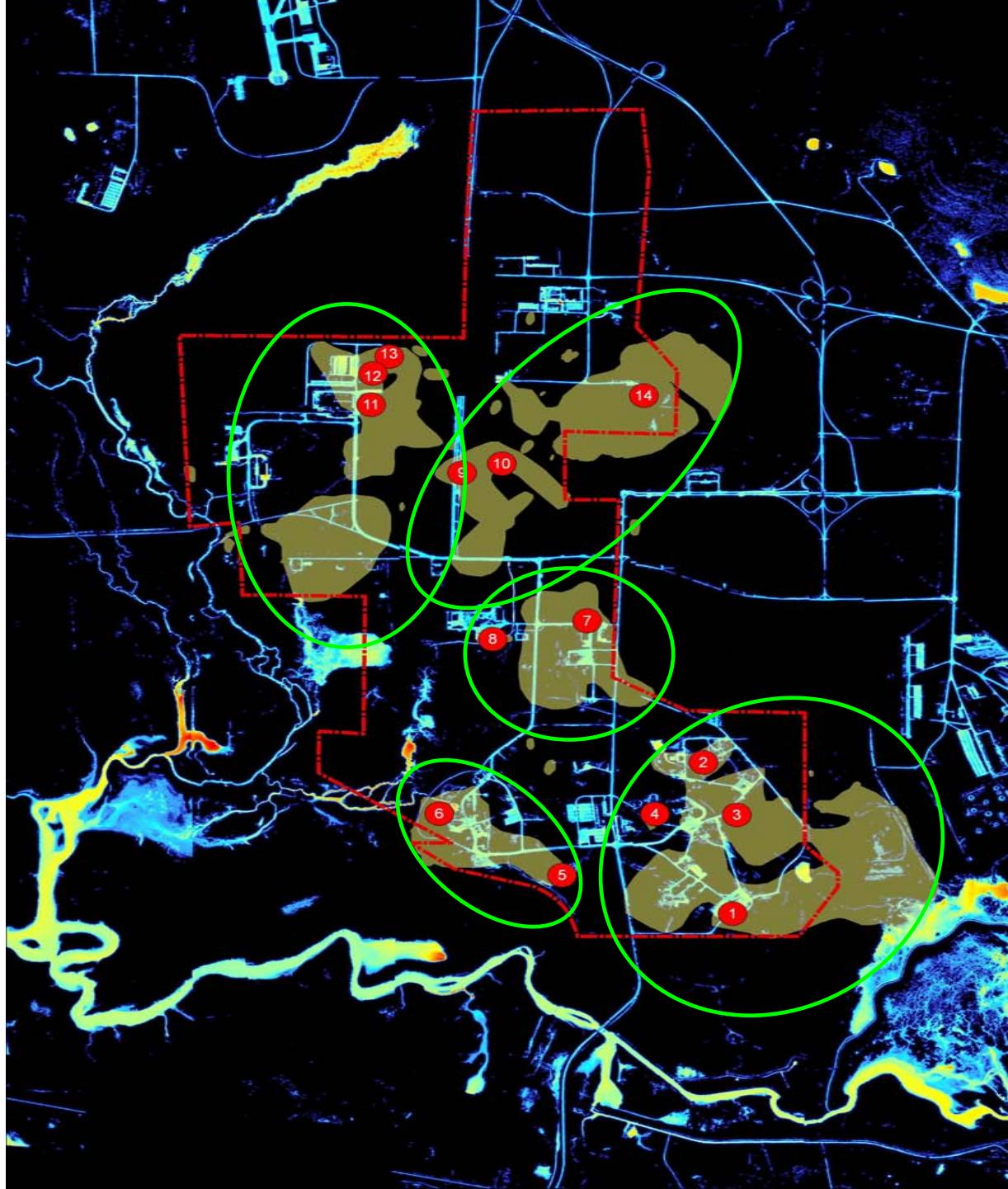


FIGURE 1
SITE LOCATION MAP
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Background 2

- Five major groundwater plumes and 15 “hot spots” have been identified
- Chlorinated solvents are the dominant contaminants site wide; trichloroethylene (TCE) is the most abundant and widespread
- Treatability study program initiated to:
 - assess degree of in-situ technology effectiveness
 - reduce uncertainties in future OU-3 feasibility study
- Study area selection:
 - Screen source area contaminants
 - Identify potentially applicable in-situ treatment technologies
 - Develop numeric ranking to select study areas and technologies
- [REFERENCE THERMAL IMAGRY]

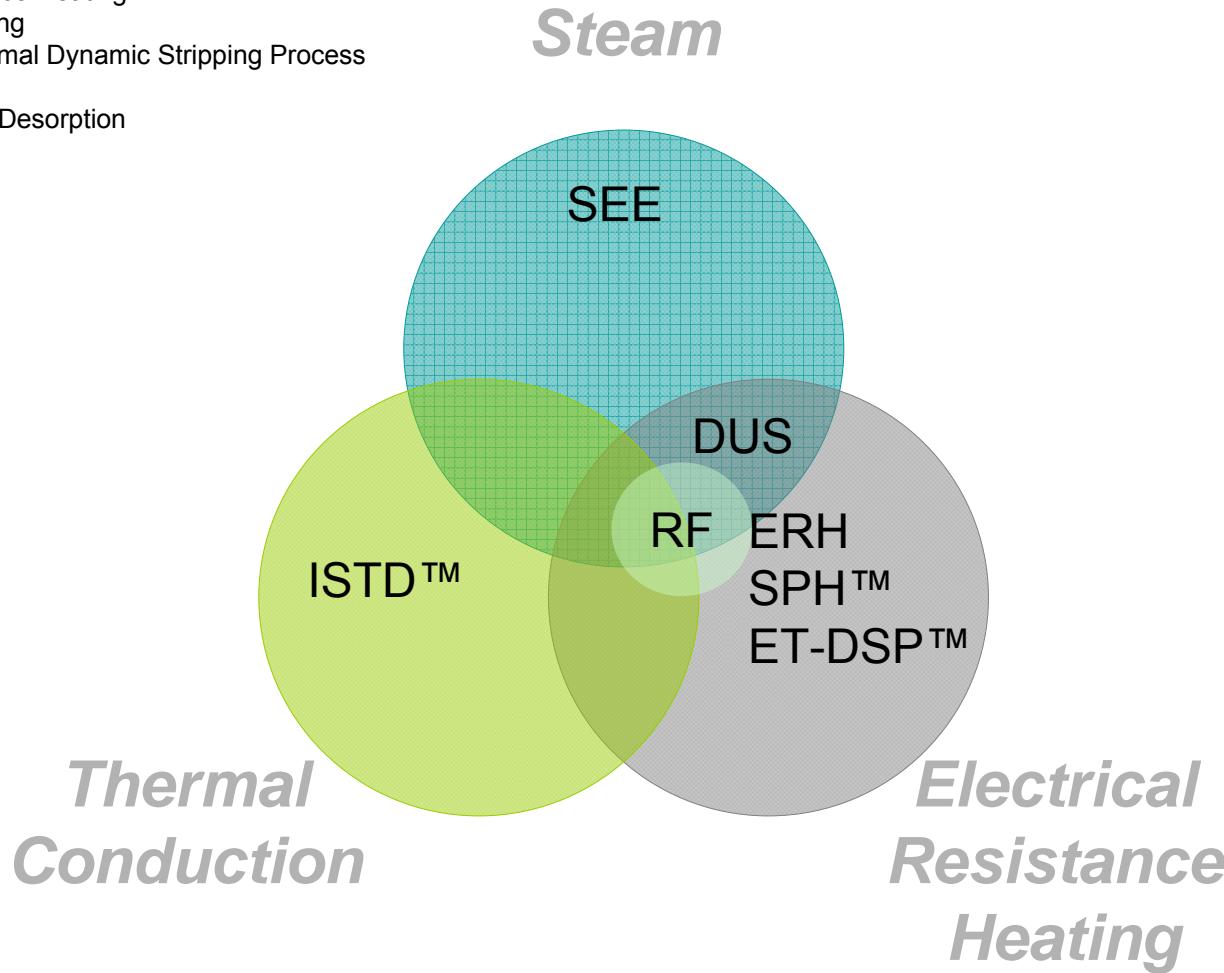


Source Area -13

- Source Area-13 (SA-13) was one of four study areas selected.
- SA-13 history and investigation results indicate that a former drum storage pad area outside of building 4705 was the likely source area of contaminants.
 - TCE is the primary soil and groundwater contaminant
 - Presence of dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) suspected:
 - TCE soil concentrations \geq 260 mg/kg and groundwater \geq 11,000 $\mu\text{g/l}$
- In-situ technologies selected for evaluation:
 - In-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO)
 - In-situ Thermal Treatment (ISTT)
- Treatment at SA-13 by ISCO had limited effectiveness.
- On the basis of the ISCO results, NASA made the decision to evaluate ISTT at SA-13.
- [REFERENCE CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL AND PLAN VIEW MAP]

In-situ Thermal Treatment

- SEE: Steam Enhanced Extraction
- DUS: Dynamic Underground Stripping
- ERH: Electrical Resistance Heating
- SPH™: Six Phase Heating
- ET-DSP™: Electro-Thermal Dynamic Stripping Process
- RF: Radio Frequency
- ISTD™: In-situ Thermal Desorption



SUMMARY OF KEY CSM UNCERTAINTIES

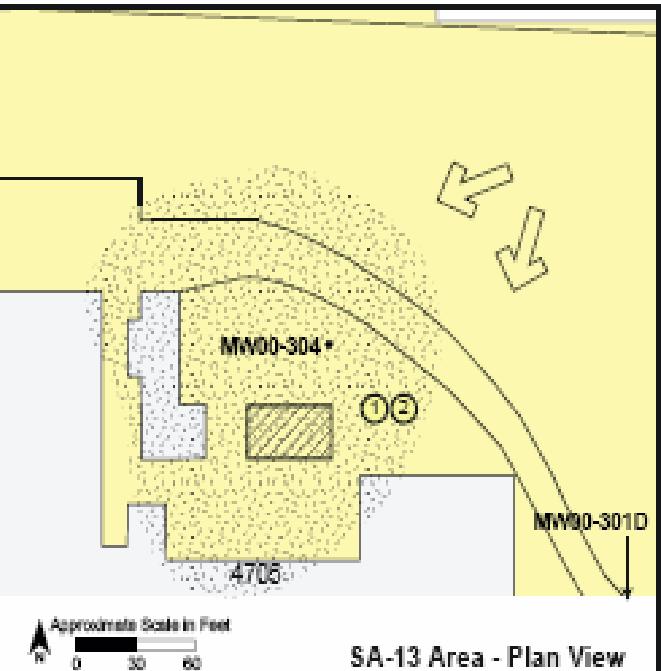
- ① Quantity of TCE used and released to the environment
- ② Presence of major secondary sources of contamination
- ③ Presence of NAPL
- ④ Vertical extent of groundwater contamination

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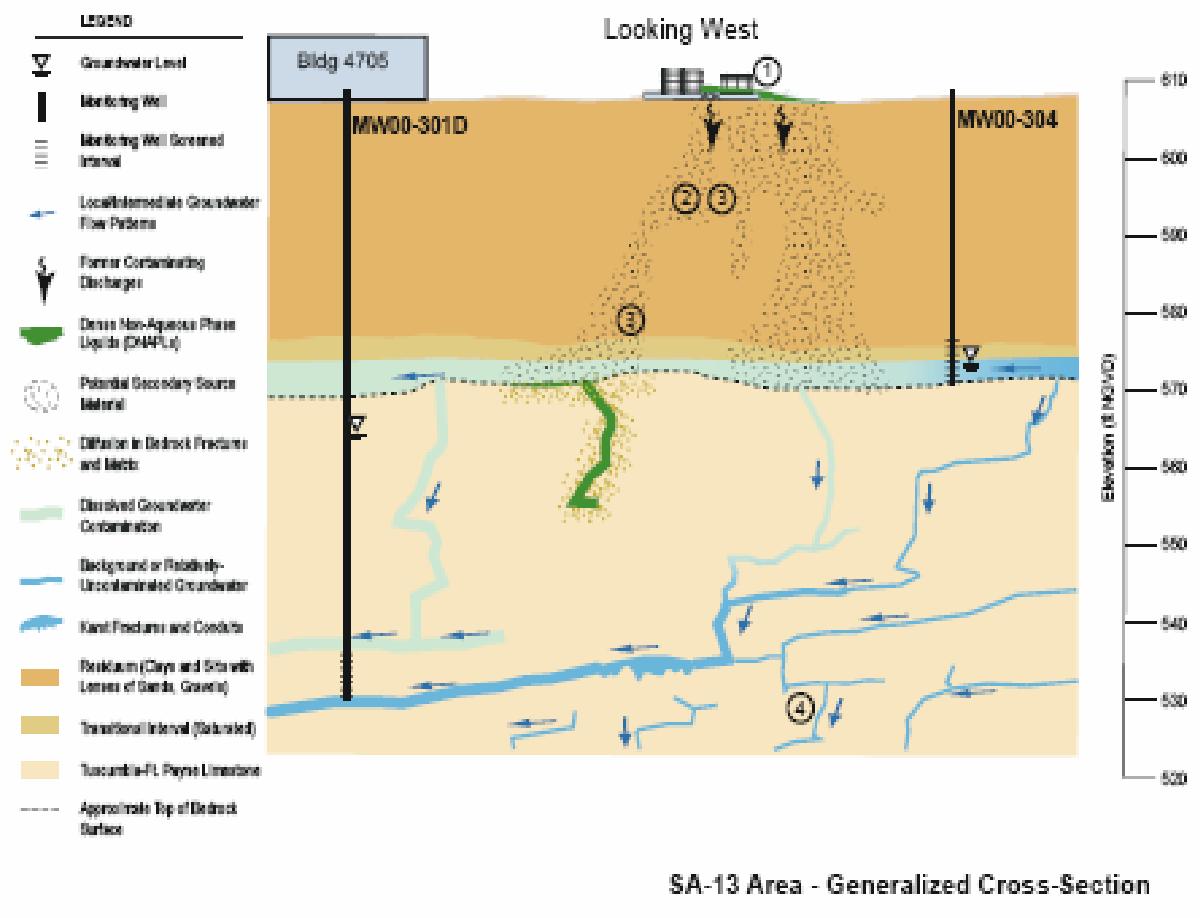
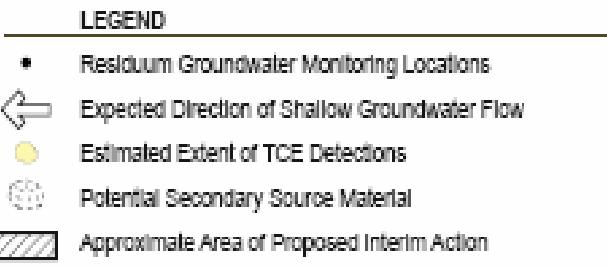
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SA-13 Area - Aerial View



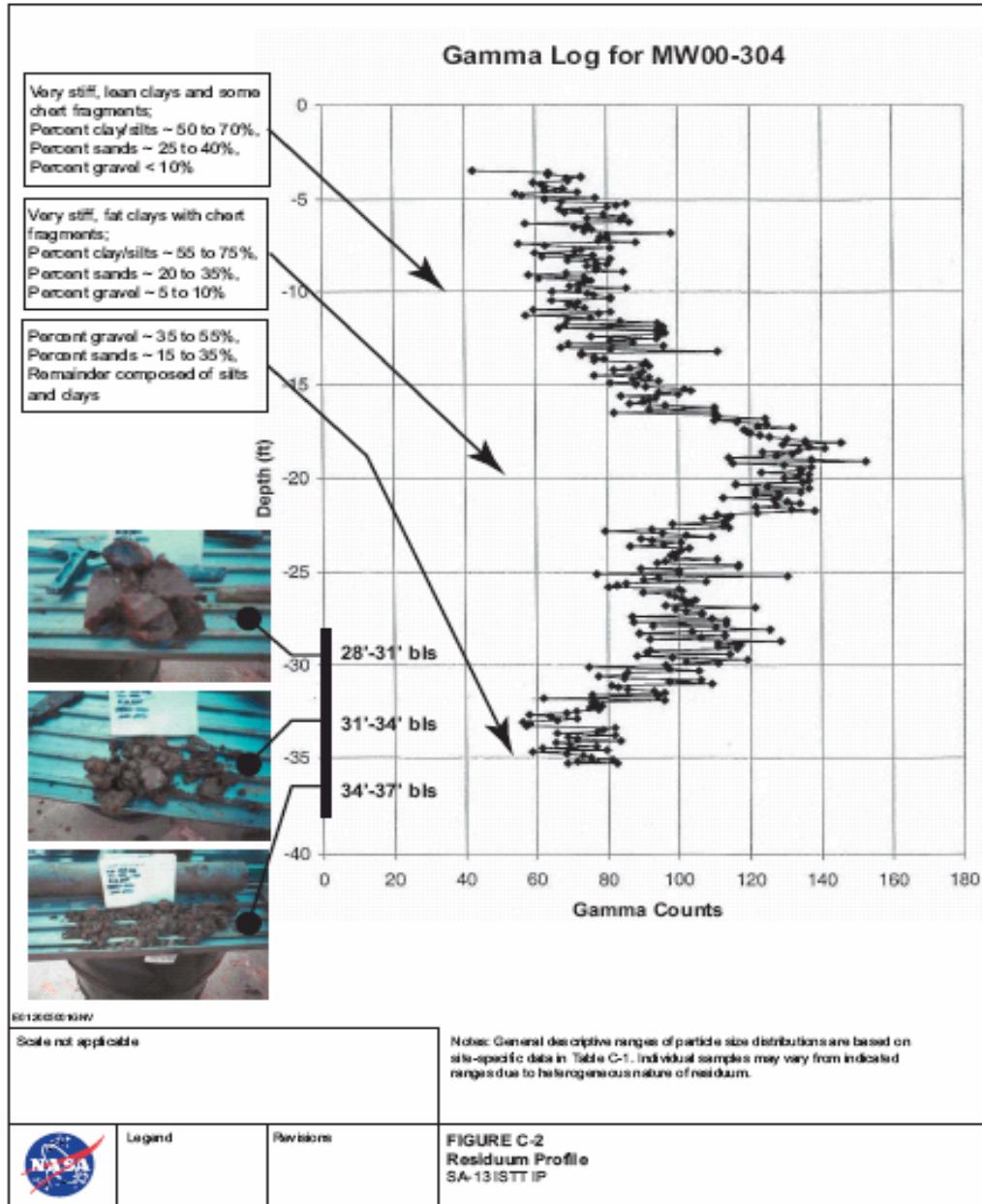
SA-13 Area - Plan View



SA-13 Lithology

- Regional subsurface lithology consists of weathered clayey residuum overlying karst limestone bedrock:
 - Groundwater occurs in the residuum and bedrock units;
 - Connectivity between units is variable across MSFC;
 - Flow is seasonally affected by downgradient surface water; and
 - Discharges through springs and seepage areas
- Subsurface conditions at SA-13 consist of approximately 35 feet of clayey residuum that transitions to bedrock through a 5-foot thick saturated zone:
 - The water-bearing zone is composed of gravel, sand, silt and clay which overlies weathered limestone bedrock.
 - Permeability of the residuum increases with depth.
- [REFERENCE GAMMA LOG FROM MW00-304]

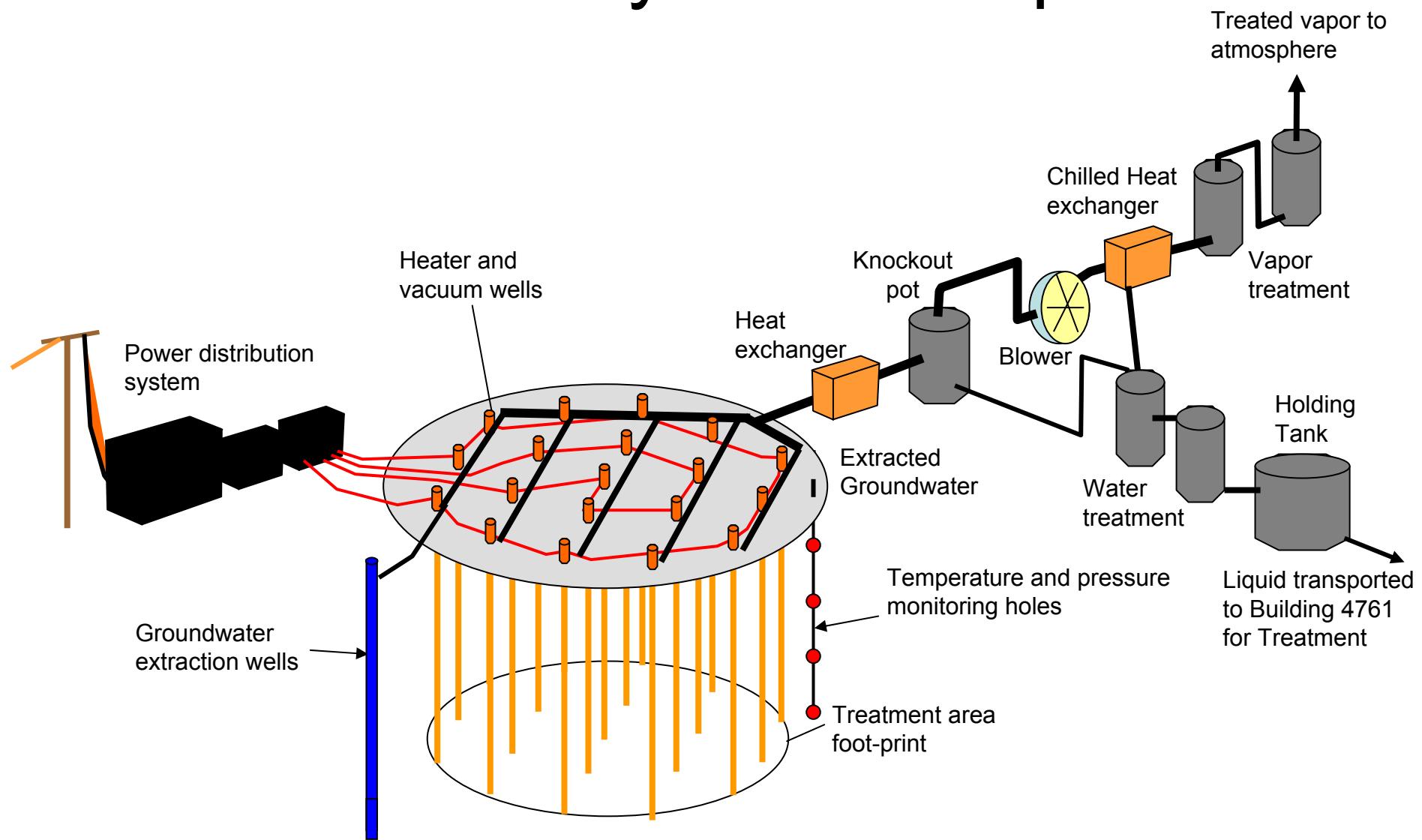
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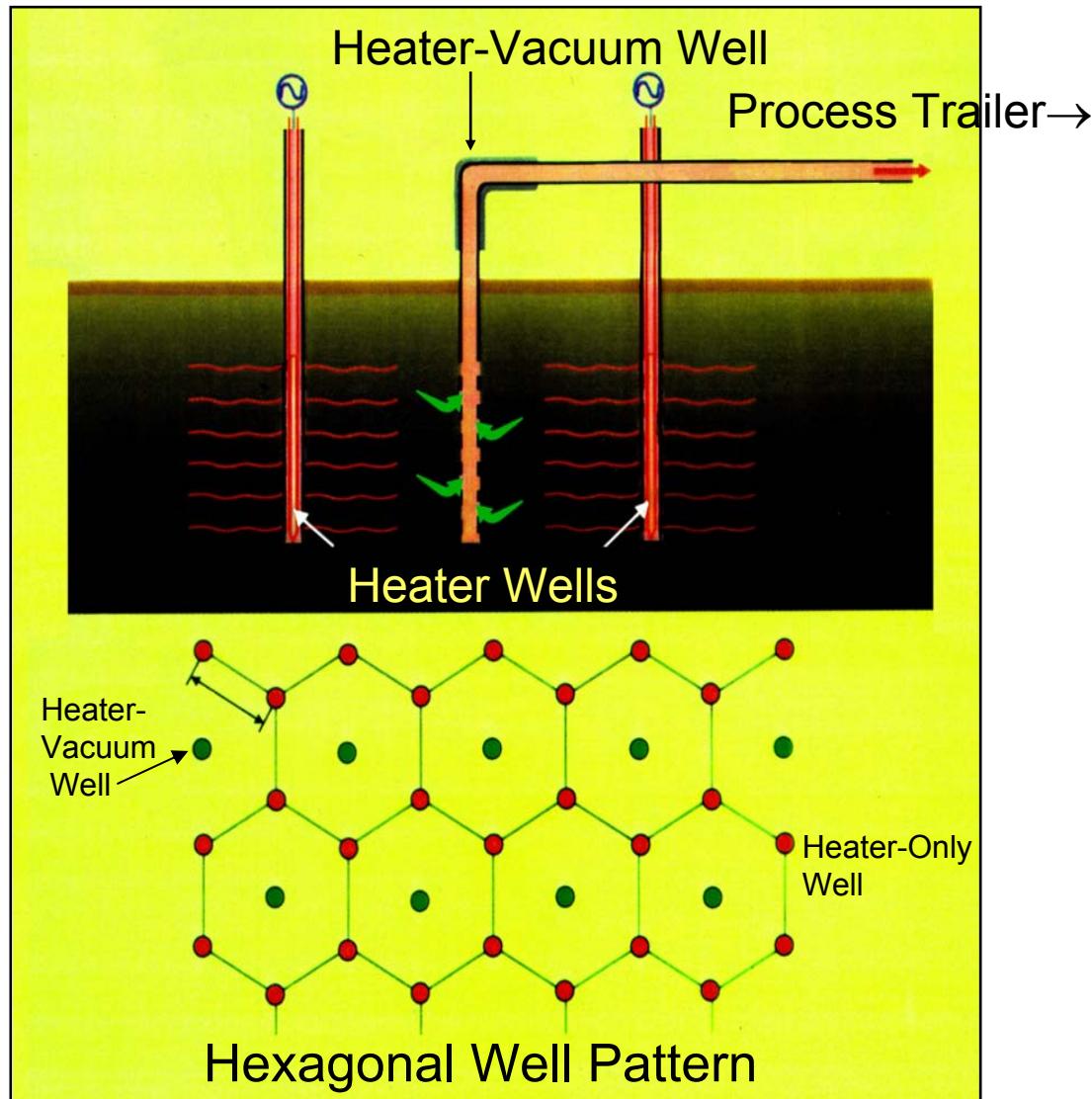
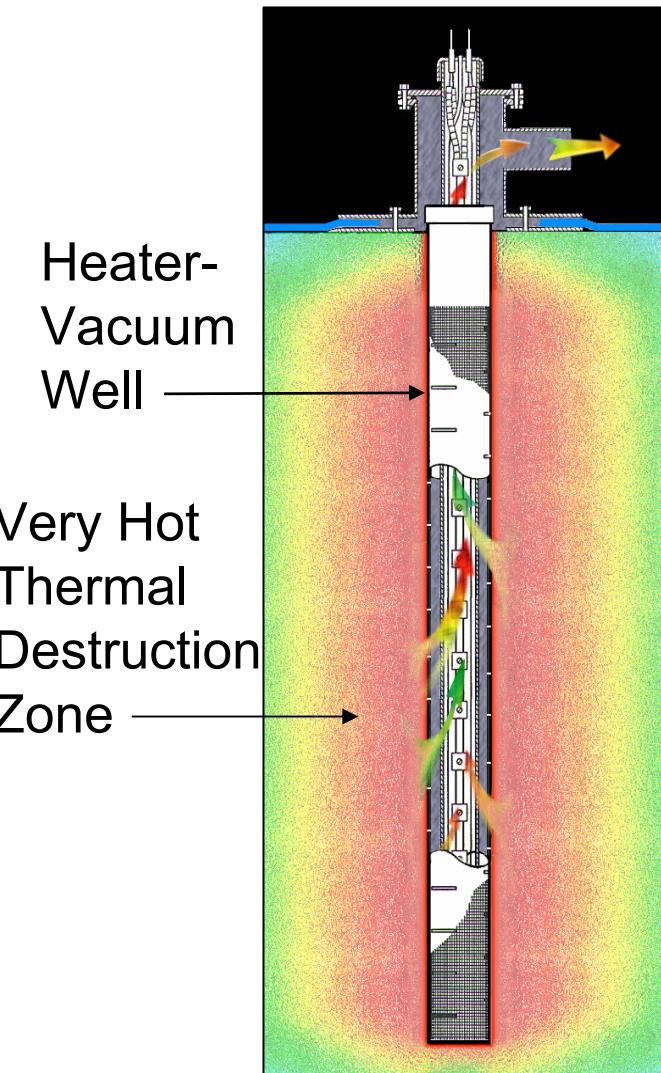
SA-13 In-Situ Thermal TS

- Implement ISTT in “hot spot” of source area to assess technology treatment capability
- In-situ Thermal Desorption (ISTD) process was selected for ISTT demonstration
- ISTD process originally developed by SHELL and licensed to TerraTherm®
 - electrical subsurface heating by thermal conduction
 - concurrent extraction of vapor and groundwater
 - ex-situ treatment of extracted fluids
- [Reference ISTD FIGURES]

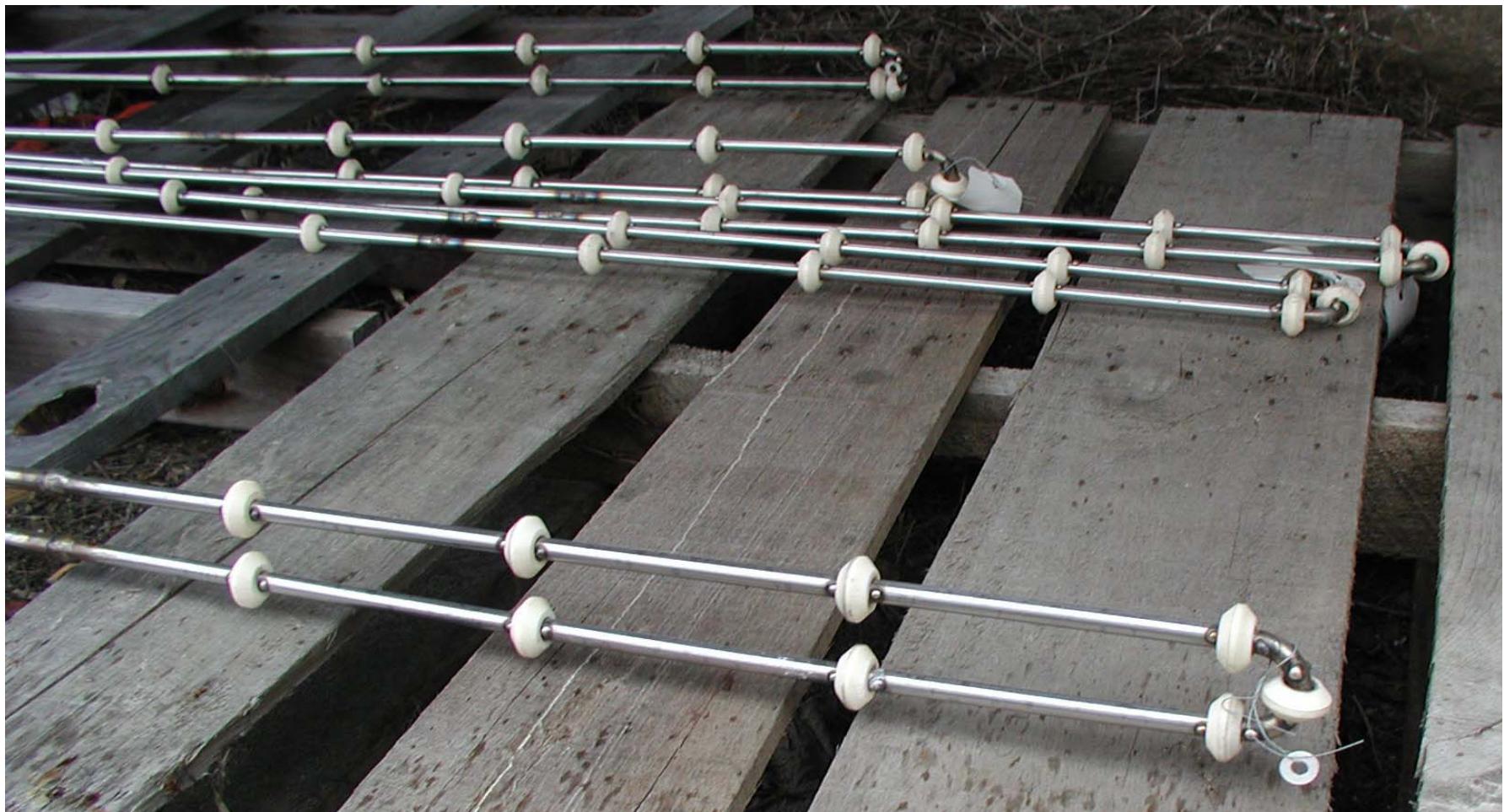
SA-13 ISTD System Components



ISTD Overview



Heaters



SA-13 In-Situ Thermal TS

- Target treatment zone (TTZ) delineation:
 - Treatment area of approximately 500 square feet.
 - Vertical interval from 15' to 42' ft below land surface including 5 feet into underlying bedrock.
- Agencies suggested ISTT implementation as a CERCLA interim action under an Interim Record of Decision (IROD).
- Primary performance objective
 - Reduce estimated mass and average concentrations of TCE in TTZ soil and groundwater by 80% or greater.
- [Reference SITE MAPS/TTZ FIGURES]

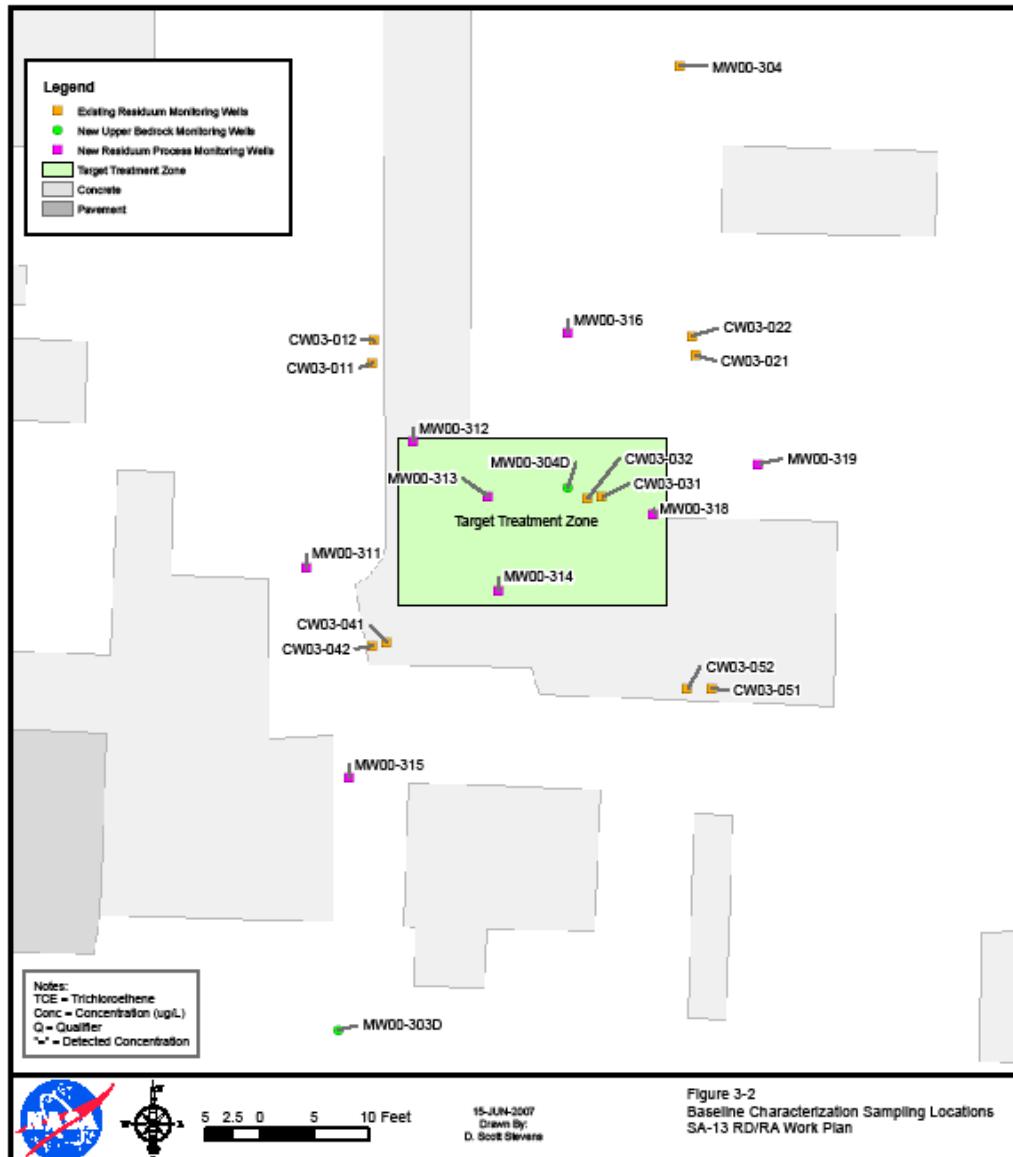


Figure 3-2
 Baseline Characterization Sampling Locations
 SA-13 RD/RA Work Plan

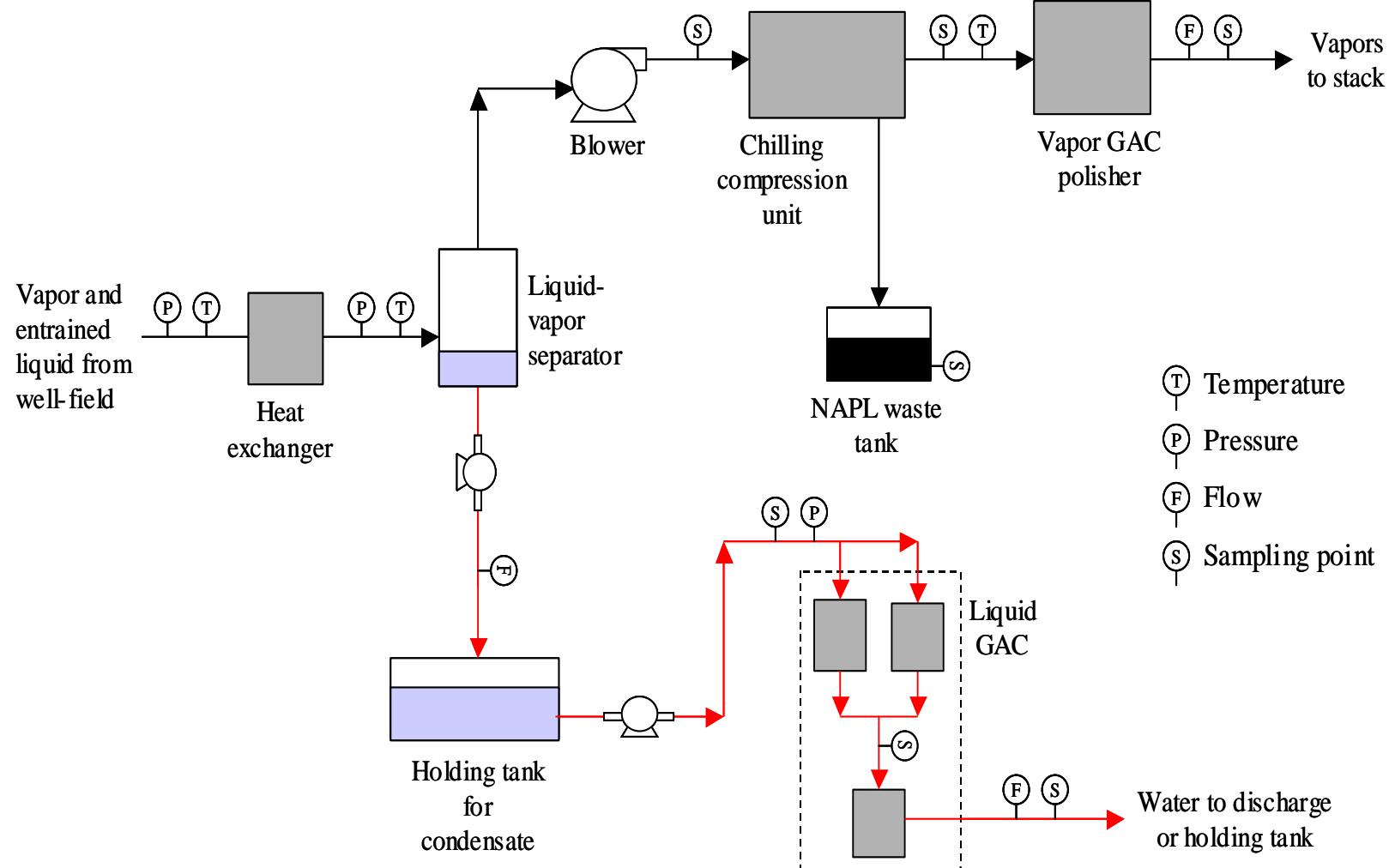
SA-13 ISTD Wellfield Layout

- 10 Heater-only wells
- 8 Heater/vapor recovery wells
- 4 Multiphase fluid extraction wells
- 9 Process monitoring wells
 - Pressure
 - Temperature (7 discrete intervals from 12 to 42 feet below ground surface)
- 8 Groundwater performance monitoring wells
 - 6 residuum
 - 2 bedrock
- [REFERENCE WELL FIELD LAYOUT PHOTO]

SA-13 Well Field

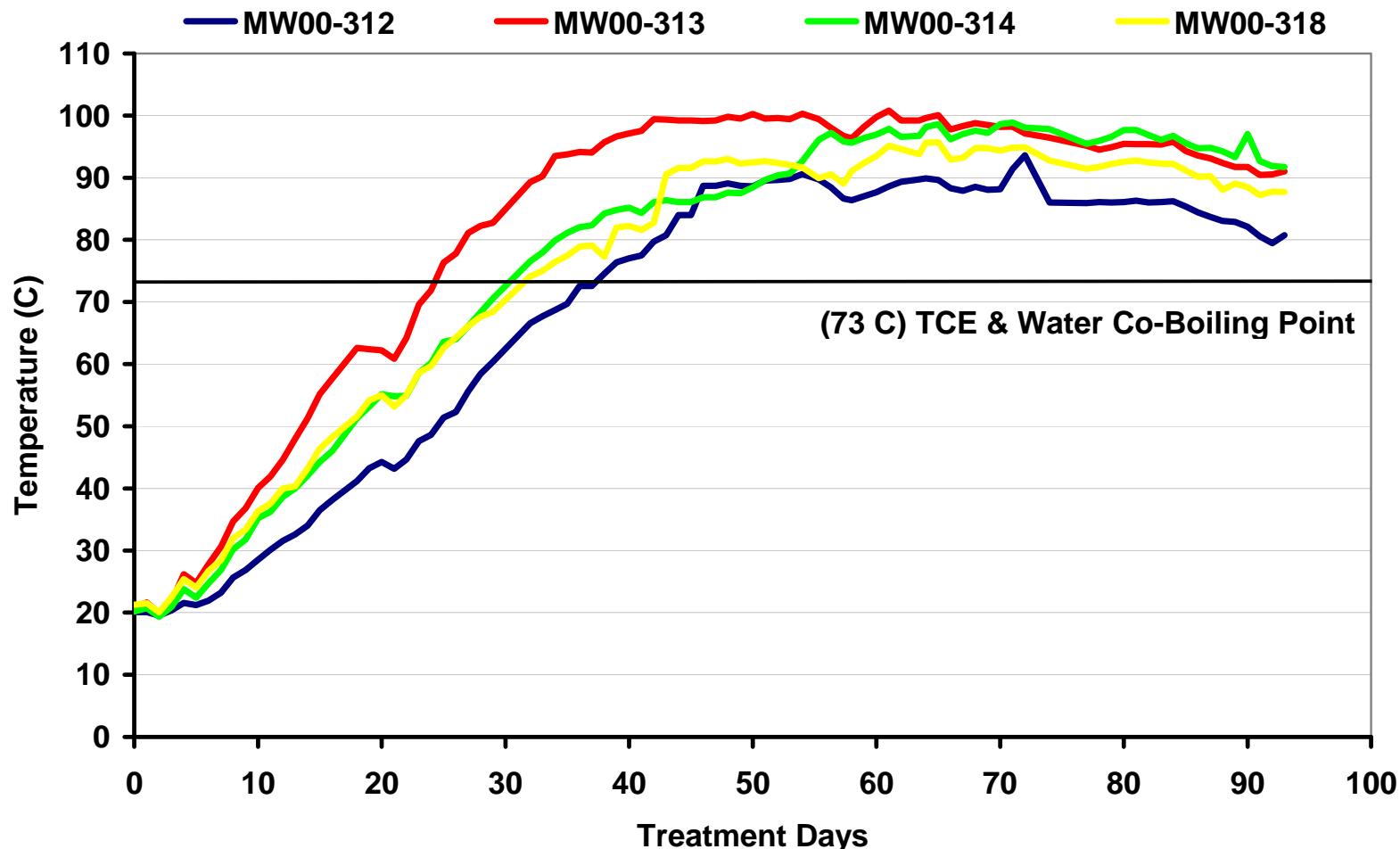


ISTD Process and Instrumentation

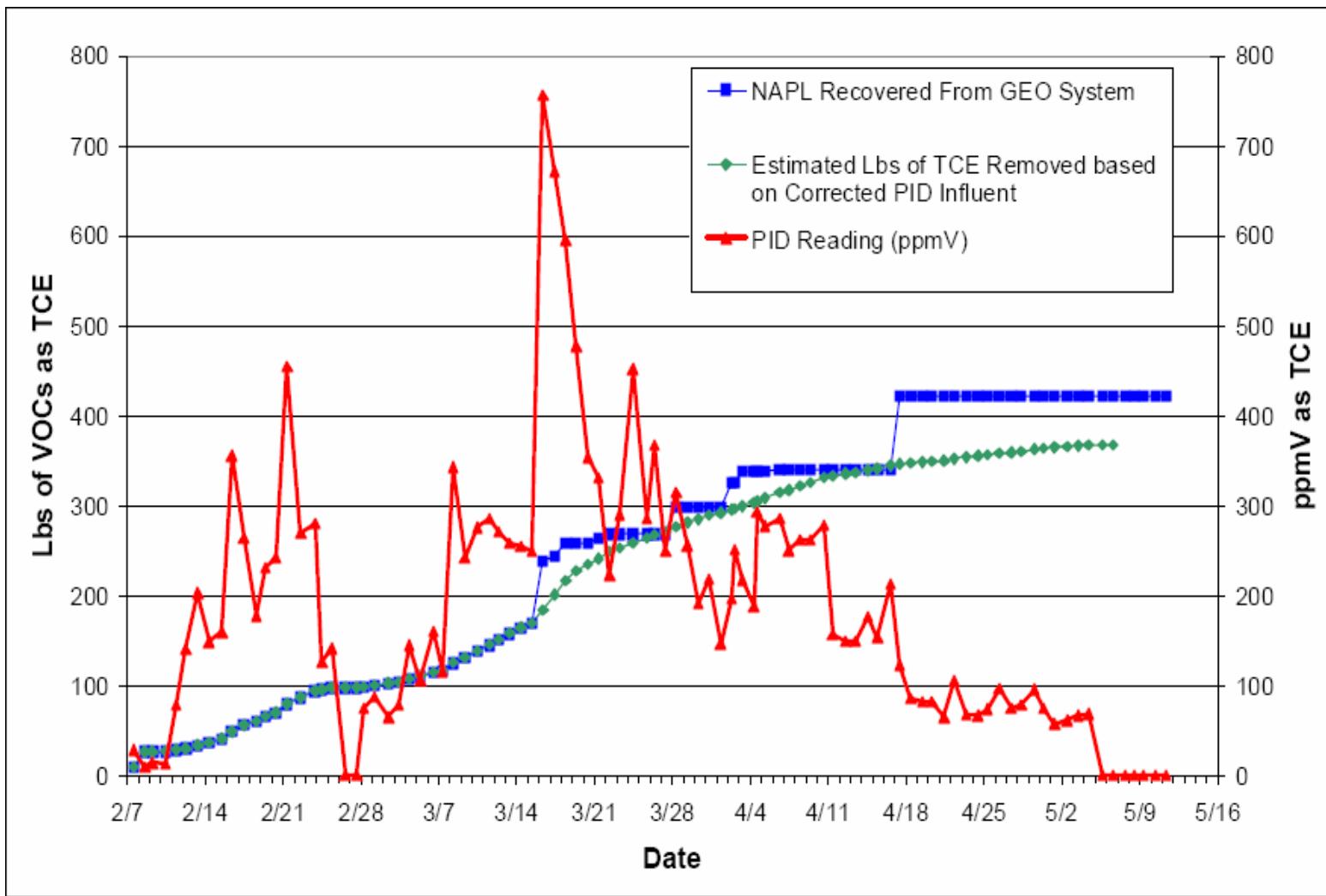


Treatment Zone Temperature

Average Treatment Zone Temperature as a Function of Time



SA-13 System Removals

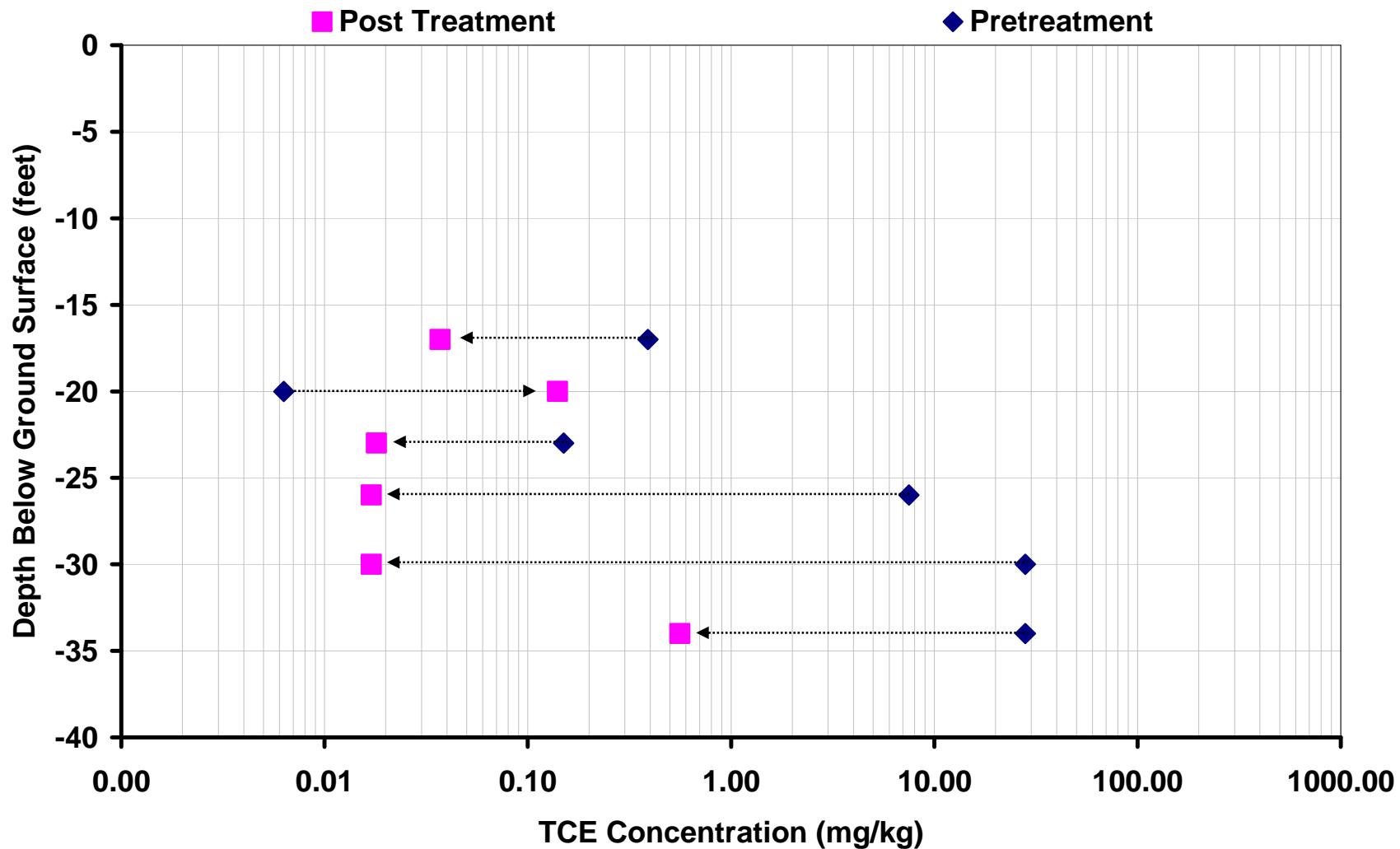


SA-13 DNAPL (typical photos)



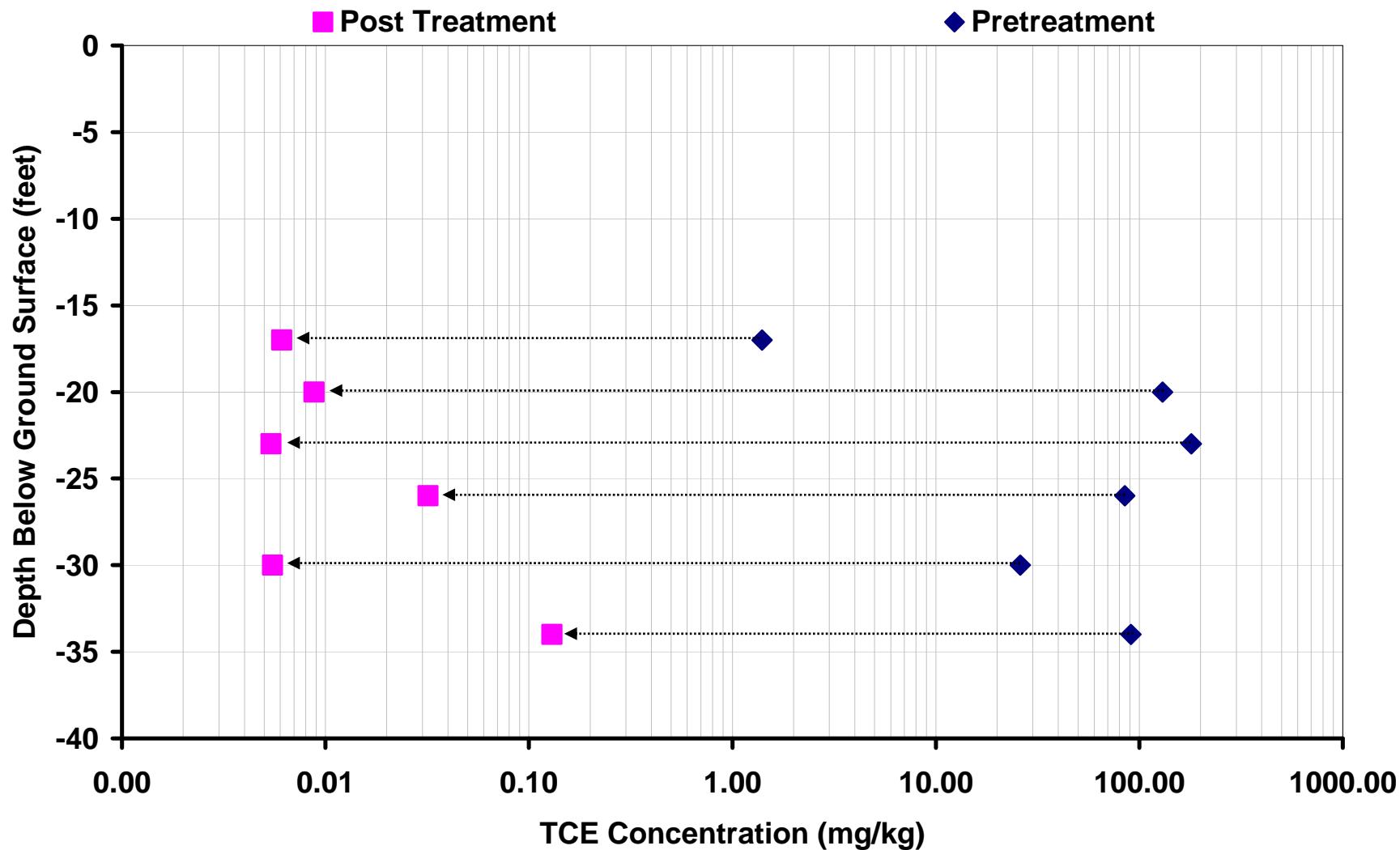
Treatment Results 1

Soil Sample Results MW00-312 / SB05-244



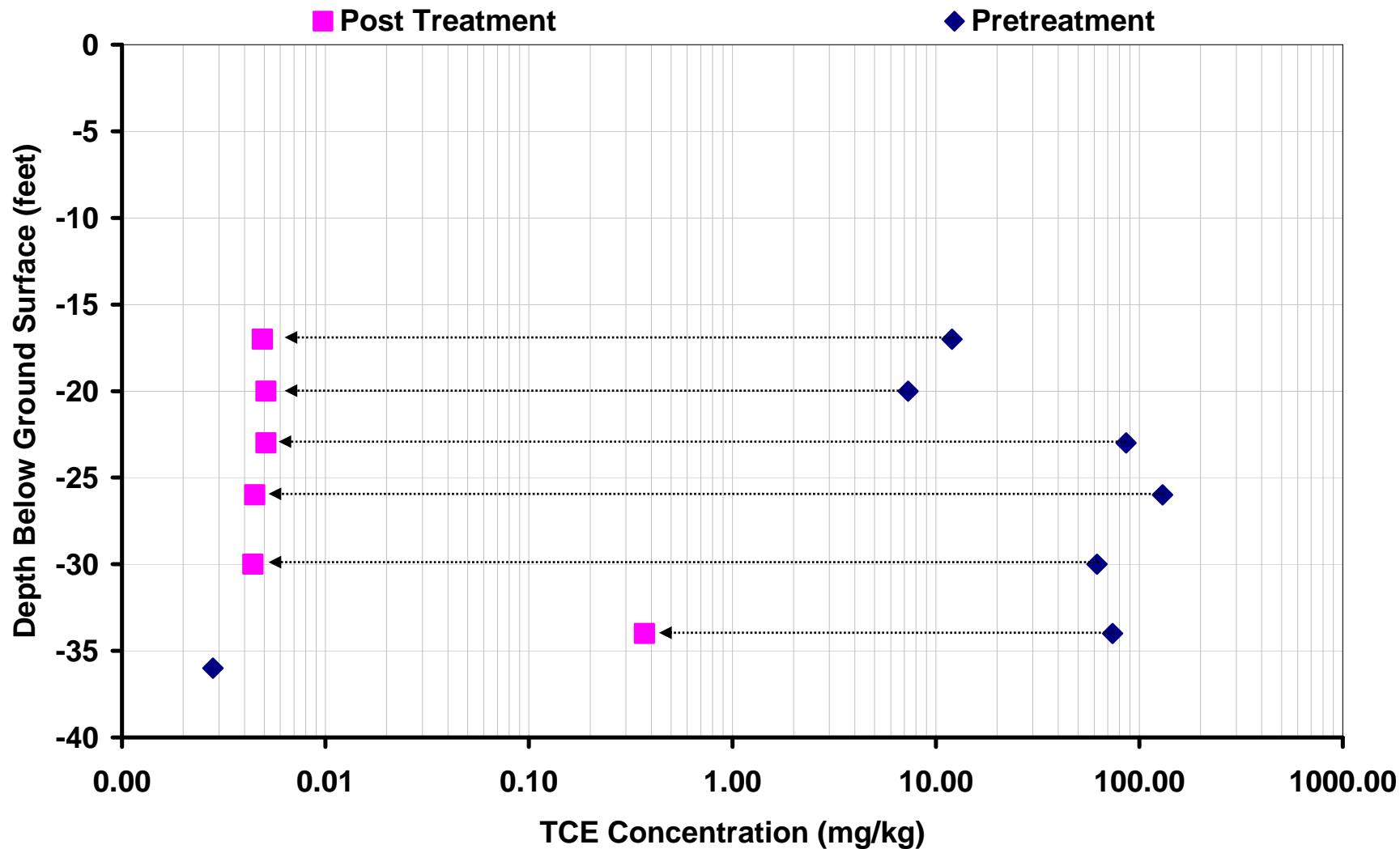
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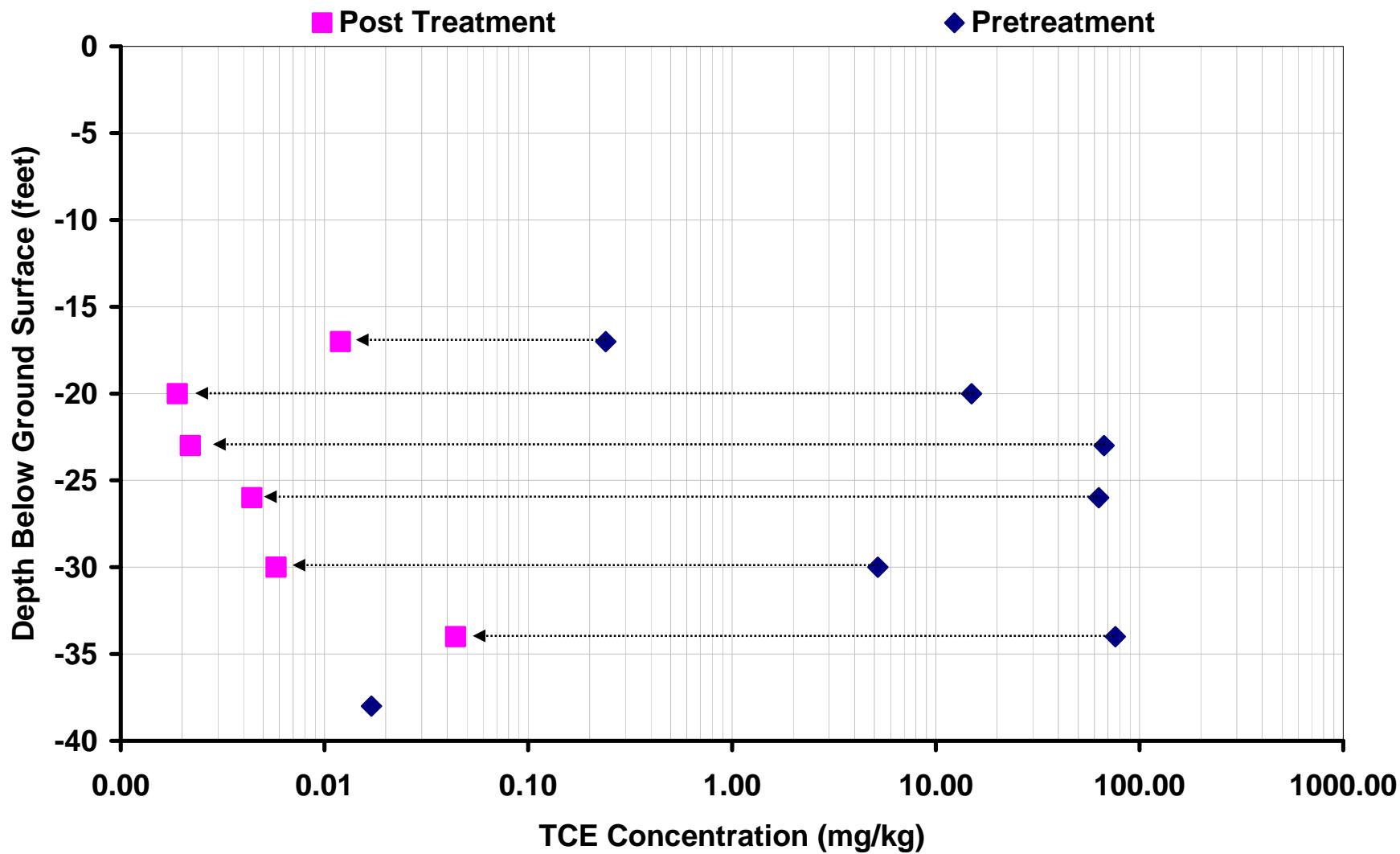
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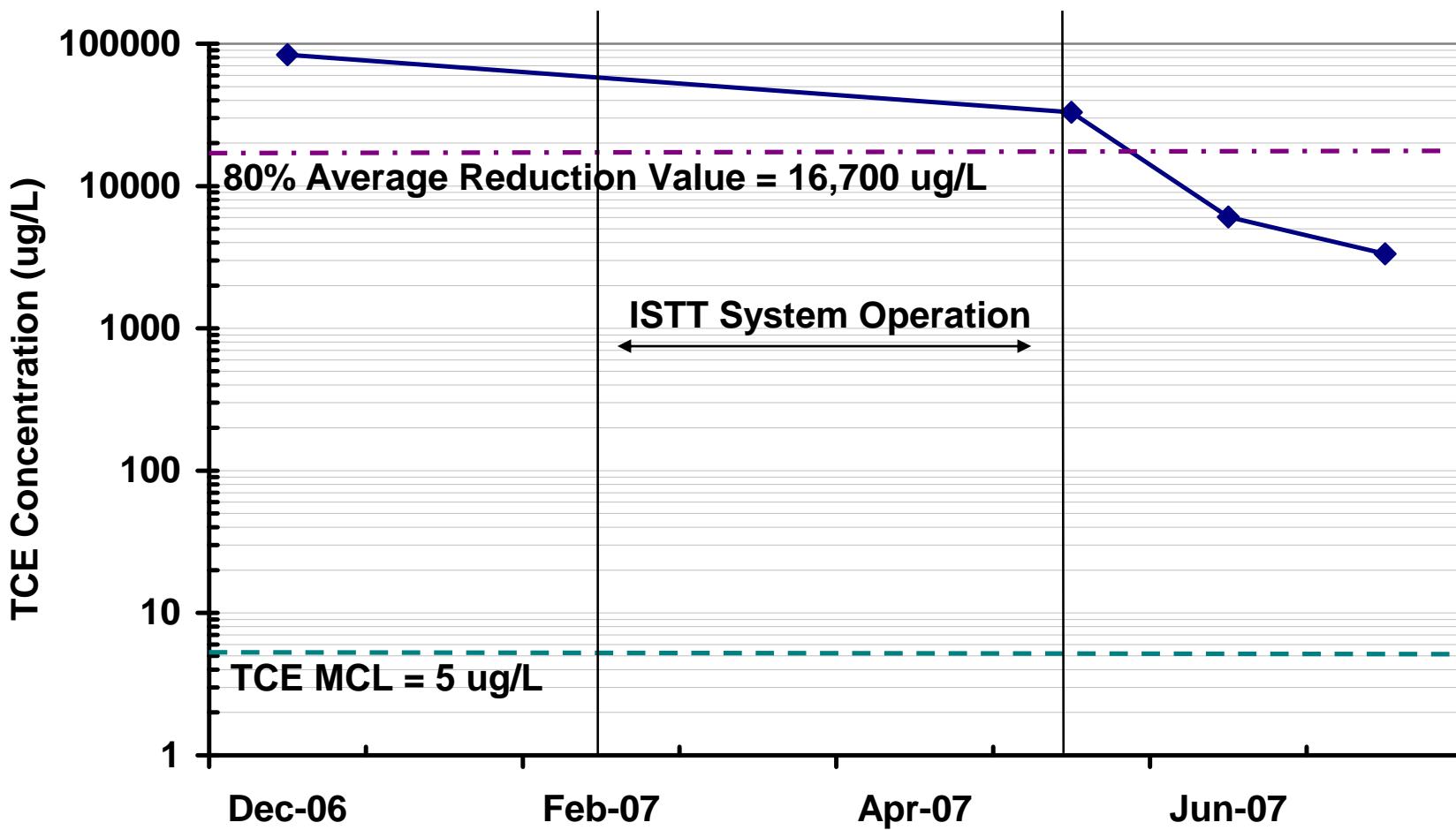
Treatment Results 4

Soil Sample Results MW00-313 / SB05-245



Treatment Results 5

Treatment Zone Average Groundwater Concentration



SA-13 TCE Removal Summary

Average	Results	Residuum Media	
		Soil	Groundwater
Pre-Treatment Concentrations	57.4 mg/kg	77,860 µg/l	
Pre-Treatment Mass	39.1 lbs	26.3 lbs	
Post-Treatment Concentrations	0.05 mg/kg	2,870 µg/l	
Post-Treatment Mass	0.09 lbs	5.4 lbs	
Concentration Reduction	99.9 %	96.3 %	
Estimated Mass Reduction	99.8 %	~ 80%	

Summary

- The Interim Action removed approximately 400 pounds of TCE.
- First application of ISTT at MSFC and in the state of Alabama.
- Interim remedial action objectives and goals established for ISTT at SA-13 were achieved.
- Technology proved highly effective for:
 - source area mass reduction;
 - chlorinated solvent removal from the saturated and unsaturated residuum; and
 - treatment of heterogeneous subsurface environments.